

BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY

SURVEY NO.: B-2183

AREA: Cathedral Hill

MAGI NO.: 0421835311

Address: 12 East Pleasant Street

Current Name: Houston-Marshall Law Building

Block: 581 Lot: 2

Lot size: 23 ft. x 71 ft.

Height: 2

Materials: Formstone over brick

Condition: Good

Owner: Charles J. Josey et al

Use: Commercial

Accessible: yes, restricted

Designation:

Liber/Folio: RHB 3400/567



Historic Name:

Date: ca. 1810; facade ca. 1950

Architect/Builder:

Style (if appropriate):

Description: The original three-bay facade of the early 19th century rowhouse is covered in formstone. The entrance remains in the west bay with a flight of side-access marble steps and a fine original cast iron railing. The windows are modern, with single lights above a ventilation panel at the bottom of the sash. A window air conditioner protrudes from the first floor east bay window. The door is modern glass and steel. The two original gabled dormers with 6/6 windows are still visible on the roof. An early 20th century photograph showing the facade before the formstone application reveals a flemish bond wall with splayed stone lintels and a stone arch above a fine fanlighted doorway.

Significance:

Area: architecture

Level: local

The formstone facade conceals the exterior of the only remaining rowhouse of the early 19th century on Pleasant Street. This block was lined with elegant residences until the 1930's when demolition on the south side of the street for the Telephone Building began a thirty-year period of decline and alteration, leaving only this building standing in its original form.

Sources: Peale Museum photo; land records

Surveyor and Date: Janet Davis, March 1985

Baltimore Metrocenter Survey
Cathedral Hill Area
12 East Pleasant Street
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12 East Pleasant Street B-2183
Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Janet Davis
Date: August 1984
Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
South elevation

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: 12 East Pleasant Street			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 12 East Pleasant Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY:	
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Law Offices
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: The Banneker Building Corporation Inc.			
STREET AND NUMBER: mail to 14 East Pleasant Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Land Records Office Room 601 Baltimore City Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER: St. Paul and Fayette Streets			
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): JFC -620-400 21201			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: November 1975 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation			
STREET AND NUMBER: Room 900 26 South Calvert Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Maryland	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This semi-detached brick building is two stories, three bays with a low pitched gable roof that has two wooden dormer windows with angular pediments on it and is located in the center of Pleasant Street. The front of the building has had a gray channeled stone facade added to it. It has a rectangular plate glass door located to the left. The three steps are parallel to the building. The stoop is supported by a thin decorative stone column. All the windows are rectangular plate glass with a sill and keystone lintel that have utilized the same facade material. The building is shorter than adjacent buildings.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See 347 N. Charles St.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

23 x 74-3

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Nancy Krieger, Margaret Mack, Lee Wallace

ORGANIZATION

Goucher College

DATE

11/15/75

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Balti Towson

STATE

Maryland

21204

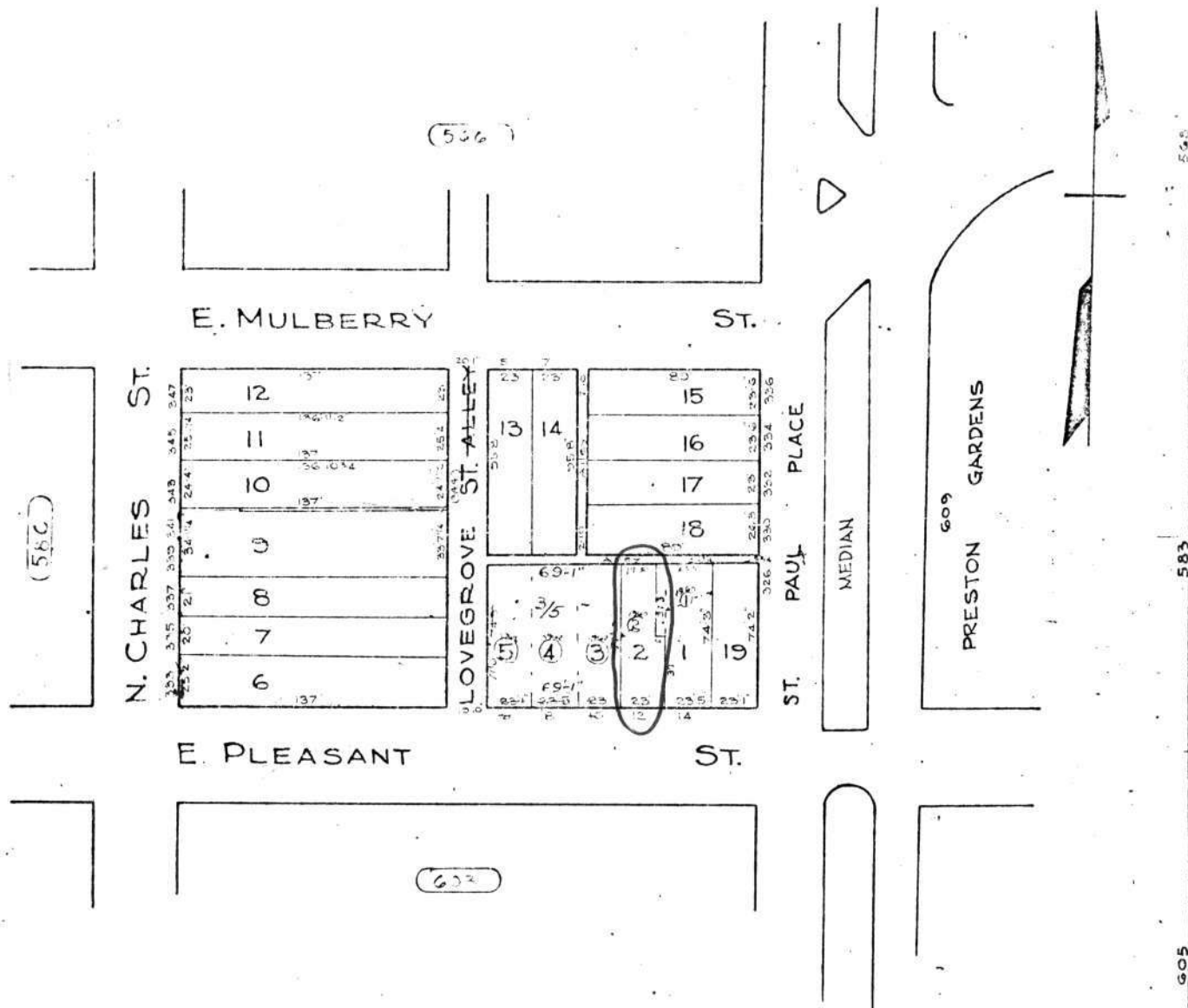
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State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

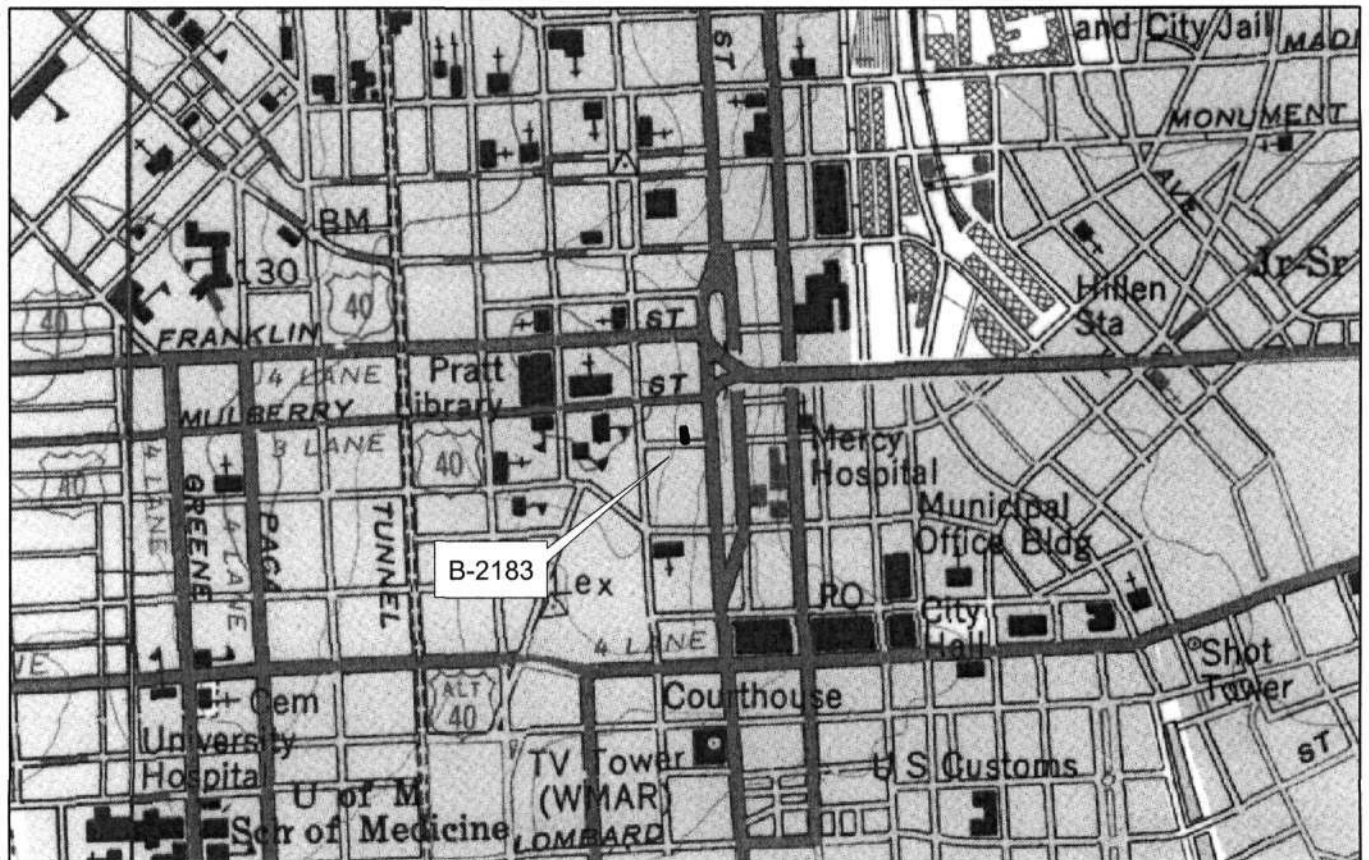
Margaret M. Mack
Signature



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 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 BUREAU OF PLANS & SURVEYS
 PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION
 WARD 4 SECTION 1
 BLOCK 581

GIS data Courtesy of
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R.R. 581